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Veteran Arrested for Theft of Pension Benefits

Special Agent-in-Charge John W. Brooks, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Office of Inspector General, Central Field Office of Investigations, announced that on August 31, 2006, Kenneth M. Gingell was arrested on a warrant issued in the Southern District of Ohio pursuant to a criminal complaint charging *Theft* in violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 641.

Brooks said the investigation by his Cleveland Resident Agency showed that the Gingell had applied and received pension benefits to which he was not entitled. Pension payments are intended for non-service connected, permanently and totally disabled veterans with little or no income or assets. Gingell failed to disclose that he was, and continued to be, employed as a truck driver. Gingell's action resulted in a loss to the VA of \$34,350.

Assistant United States Attorney Dale Williams of the Office of the United States Attorney, in Columbus, Ohio is prosecuting this case.